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SUBJ: US CONTRIBUTION TO AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FUND

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH SHEAR DIRECTOR AFR/CWR AND WEDEMAN
DIRECTOR REDSO/WA, ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18,
PRESIDENT LABIDI OF THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK RAISED THE QUESTION
OF THE STATUS OF THE US CONTRIBUTION TO THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FUND.
SHEAR FILLED HIM IN ON CURRENT LEGISLATIVE SITUATION. LABIDI THEN
SAID HE HAD TALKED RECENTLY TO HENRY LEE IN PARIS ABOUT THE
DESIRABILITY OF THE USG MAKING A COMMITMENT PRIOR TO DECEMBER 31
OF THIS
YEAR. LEE, ACCORDING TO LABIDI, REPLIED HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE
POSSIBLE
FOR THE US TO GIVE LETTER TO THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FUND STATING
ITS INTENT TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION AND TO JOIN THE FUND SUBJECT TO THE
AVAILABILITY OF CONGRESSIONAL AUTHORIZATION, APPROPRIATIONS, ETC.

2. LABIDI SAID THAT IT WOULD BE HIGHLY DESIRABLE IF HE COULD RECEIVE
SUCH A COMMUNCIATION PRIOR TO THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF
THE FUND ON NOVEMBER 26, SINCE THIS WILL BE THE LAST MEETING OF THE
BOARD THIS YEAR. LABIDI WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE BOARD, WITH SUCH
A LETTER IN HAND, WOULD APPROVE USG MEMBERSHIP IN THE ADF AS A
FOUNDING FATHER.

3. PLEASE ADVISE.

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